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REMARKS

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1. The construction of two new barracks buildings in the billeting area at Staats (M 53/Y 64) was completed in early December 1951. Some houses of the settlement adjoining to the west were included in the military billeting area. On 10 December the barracks installation at Staats quartered 400 to 500 troops. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] about 40 tanks and numerous trucks were stationed in the installation. Twelve T-34/85 tanks were seen driving in the training area south of the barracks installation, while about 60 soldiers were engaged in entrenching practice there.

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2. On 4 December, several tanks were seen through open doors of garages at the barracks at Staats. There are about 15 garages, and each garage has 20-25 bays. Numerous young soldiers with closely-cropped hair were noticed in the billeting area. [redacted].*

[redacted] about 80 acres of forest were cut near the Zienau road barrier southwest of the Gardelegen-Dolle road. [redacted] a hutment would be built on the clearing by January 1952. **

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4. Trucks [redacted] loaded with billeting equipment, were seen driving into the barracks installation at Staats. *

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* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the barracks installation at Staats was occupied by from 1,000 to 1,200 troops in early November 1951. The numbers of tanks [redacted] observed there varied from 20 and 60. [redacted]. In other respects, the present report contains no clues supporting the assumption that a tank component of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div is stationed there. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] The enlargement and improvement of the barracks installation at Staats do not seem to have been completed at the beginning of December.

[redacted] Comment. Probably the construction of a military hutment which is to quarter troops practicing at Letzling Heath during the summer training period. 50X1-HUM

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